

LODGE PRERANA NO. 313, MANGALORE

BYE - LAWS

(Framed under Rule 111 of the Book of Constitution GLI. 1993) with proposed ammendments

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<p>1. Members : The members of the Lodge shall comprise of the two categories: (a) Members (b) Honorary Members Explanation I : Members shall pay the Subscription as prescribed in the Bye-laws. Explanation II : Honorary Members are those who are elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in general and to this lodge Prerana in particular.</p>	<p>No Change</p>
<p>2. Days of Meeting : (i) The Regular Monthly meeting at the Lodge shall be held on the Second Saturday in every month at 7-00 P.M. at the premises of the Lodge at Mangalore, but it may be held on some other day or place under dispensation from the Regional Grand Lodge. The meeting can be called at an earlier hour, if necessary provided separate circular on the summons is also sent to every member. (ii) Summons for convening the Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.</p>	<p>2. Days of Meeting and Venue : (i) The Regular Monthly meeting at the Lodge shall be held on the Second Saturday in every month at 6-30 P.M. at the Freemason's Hall, Masonic Valley, Bolpugudde, Kavoor, Mangalore - 575015, but it may be held at some other day or place under dispensation from the Regional Grand Lodge. The meeting can be called at an earlier hour, if necessary provided separate circular on the summons is also sent to every member. (ii) Summons for convening the Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.</p>

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<p>3. Subscription and Fees :</p> <p>(i) Every member shall pay Rupees Twenty (Rs. 20/-) per month in advance as subscription to the Treasurer on or before the day of the regular meeting. in addition a member shall pay the actuals of Grand Lodge of India and Regional Grand Lodge fees as presented from time to time. A brother who has not paid his subscription before the Regular Meeting shall be considered to be in arrears for that month. The money may be paid in cash or crossed cheques drawn in favour of "Lodge Prerana".</p> <p>(ii) The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge shall be borne by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained.</p> <p>(iii) The following fees shall be payable in advance in every case, before initiation:</p> <table> <tr> <td>(a) for Initiation</td> <td>Rs.1,000/- (One Thousand)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) for joining from Foreign Constitution</td> <td>Rs.750/- (Seven hundred & Fifty)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c) for joining & rejoining</td> <td>Rs.500/- (Five Hundred)</td> </tr> </table> <p>(iv) Stewards Fund Account: A sum of Rs. 1,500/- (Rupees one thousand and five hundred only) per year is to be collected from each member for the cost of the after proceedings.</p>	(a) for Initiation	Rs.1,000/- (One Thousand)	(b) for joining from Foreign Constitution	Rs.750/- (Seven hundred & Fifty)	(c) for joining & rejoining	Rs.500/- (Five Hundred)	<p>3. Subscription and Fees :</p> <p>(i) Every member shall pay to the Treasurer the following dues of the lodge, as mentioned in schedule 3 III d, e, f. actuals of which may be changed and presented from time to time and approved in the open lodge. A member in arrears of subscription for a period of one year will be under automatic cessation as per Rule No. 124 of the Book of Constitution. He also ceases to be a member other lodges under G.L.I. In addition a member shall pay Rs.10,000/- towards building fund while joining the lodge as one time contribution. The dues may be paid in cash or crossed cheque drawn in favour of "Lodge Prerana No. 313".</p> <p>(ii) The dues payable to the Lodge towards subscription, Steward Fund and towards Building Fund may be changed after discussion in the Standing Committee proposed in the open lodge and passed by 2/3 majority of the members present and voting during a regular meeting of the lodge or during an Emergency meeting of the lodge when called for the purpose.</p> <p>(iii) The following fees shall be payable in advance in every case, before initiation, joining & rejoining.</p> <table> <tr> <td>(a) for Initiation</td> <td>Rs. 1,000/- (One Thousand)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) for joining from Foreign Constitution</td> <td>Rs. 750/- (Seven hundred & Fifty)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c) for joining & rejoining</td> <td>Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(d) Stewards Fund Account:</td> <td>Rs. 1,450/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(e) Subscription for the year</td> <td>Rs. 1,350/-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(f) Actuals of GLI and RGL dues</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(g) Donation for building fund</td> <td>Rs. 10,000/- A/c. of Masonic building committee trust as one time contribution.</td> </tr> </table>	(a) for Initiation	Rs. 1,000/- (One Thousand)	(b) for joining from Foreign Constitution	Rs. 750/- (Seven hundred & Fifty)	(c) for joining & rejoining	Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred)	(d) Stewards Fund Account:	Rs. 1,450/-	(e) Subscription for the year	Rs. 1,350/-	(f) Actuals of GLI and RGL dues		(g) Donation for building fund	Rs. 10,000/- A/c. of Masonic building committee trust as one time contribution.
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	<p>(iv) <i>The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge shall be borne by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained or otherwise decided by the Standing Committee</i></p>
<p>4. Admission of Members :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Every proposition for initiation or joining or rejoining shall be made in open lodge. (ii) The proposition together with the declaration shall be referred to the standing committee for consideration and report to the lodge. (iii) Subject to the provisions of Rule 135 of the Book of Constitutions G.L.I., no candidate shall be initiated in or admitted or re-admitted into the lodge until he shall have been regularly proposed and seconded at a regular meeting and balloted for at the next Regular Meeting. (iv) When the ballot takes place for the election of a candidate for initiation or joining or rejoining of a Brother, if three or more blackballs appear the proposition shall be rejected, but if there are less than three or none at all appearing against him, the candidate shall be declared duly elected. (v) If a candidate for initiation, joining or rejoining is rejected by the ballot, he shall not again be proposed until six months have elapsed after the date of the unfavourable ballot. 	<p>4. Admission of Members :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i), (ii) & (iii) As before (iv) <i>When the ballot takes place for the election of a candidate for initiation or joining or rejoining of a Brother, as required under rule 140 of B of C unless if on the ballot two thirds or more of the members present and voting in the lodge approve the proposal, the proposition shall be rejected.</i> (v) As before
<p>5. Resigning and Defaulting Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Any member desirous of resigning from the Lodge shall signify the same in writing to the Secretary before the regular meeting in a month, or announce it in open lodge. 	<p><i>No Change</i></p>

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<p>(ii) A brother resigning his membership relinquishes his rights in the Lodge, and shall be re-admitted only on payment of arrears if any and re-joining fees subject to passing the ballot.</p> <p>(iii) When the subscription of any member falls into arrears to the extent up to six months, he shall be liable for exclusion in accordance with Rule 156 - Book of constitution G.L.I.</p> <p>(iv) Should the subscription of a member remain unpaid for one full year he shall cease to be a member of the Lodge, as per Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I.</p>	<p>No Change</p>
<p>6. Election of Master, Tyler and Treasurer : The Master, Tyler and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in March every year</p>	<p>No Change</p>
<p>7. Installation Meeting : The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting on April.</p>	<p>7. Installation Meeting : <i>The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in the month of April every year.</i></p>
<p>8. Duties of Tyler : He shall be in charge of all paraphernalia belonging to the lodge and be responsible for the proper preservation thereof and shall keep an inventory of it, countersigned by the Master once a year after his Installation. When the Services of a Serving Brother cannot be procured, the duty shall be performed in rotation by the members of the Lodge who are not holding a Regular Office.</p>	<p>No Change</p>

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<p>9. Property and Funds of the Lodge Property of every kind belonging to the Lodge (including the Warrant, Jewels, Regalia and Archives) shall be considered as vested in the Master, and the Wardens for the time being in Trust for the members of the Lodge, and a regular inventory of the whole shall be entered in a separate book and examined by each Master after his installation. No property of the lodge shall be sold or otherwise disposed of, except by resolution of the Brethren in open lodge.</p>	<p><i>No Change</i></p>
<p>10. Charity Fund:</p> <p>(i) The charity fund of the Lodge shall be maintained by the monthly charity box collection made in the Lodge. Voluntary contributions may also be made by members of the Lodge Prerana and other brethren.</p> <p>(ii) The charity fund is intended for the purpose of giving relief to members of this Lodge and their families and for such relief purposes as the Lodge may from time to time decide upon by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present. Relief may also be given to brethren who were or have been subscribing members of the Lodge Prerana for a period of not less than five consecutive years, or their afflicted widows, mothers and children.</p> <p>(iii) Every application for such relief must, in the first instance, be referred by the Lodge to the Standing Committee for consideration and report to the Lodge.</p>	<p><i>No Change</i></p>

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<p>11 Matters Relating to Administration</p> <p>(i) Duties of Secretary : The Secretary shall transact all the general business and conduct all the correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge of Committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of members and all other registers and records except the accounts kept by the Treasurer. He shall carefully preserve all books and records, and keep a register of all money passing through his hands. He shall promptly prepare the Returns for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them in proper time, through the Master, together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned. The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.</p> <p>(ii) Correspondence : All letters from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.</p> <p>(iii) Duties of the Treasurer : The Treasurer's duties shall be as laid down in Rule 129 of Book Constitution G.L.I. but subject also to the following provisions.</p> <p>(a) He shall keep separate Bank Accounts, one for the general funds and another for the charity fund in a Banks or approved by the Lodge, in the name of "Lodge Prerana". All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz. the master, the Treasurer and the Secretary. Deposit receipts shall be endorsed in favour of the Master or Secretary and treasurer. He shall keep separate accounts of the money under the following two headings in the General Fund Bank Account, i.e.,</p> <p>(i) General Fund Accounts - Administration.</p>	<p><i>No Change</i></p> <p><i>(a) He shall keep separate Bank Accounts, one for the General fund, one for the Steward fund and another for the Charity fund in a Banks approved by the Lodge, in the name of "Lodge Prerana". All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz. the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary, the Treasurer being common signatory. Deposit receipts shall be endorsed in favour of the Master or Secretary and from General Fund Account for Lodge Building Improvement and Maintenance. A sum of Rs. 4,000/- per meeting to be paid to Masonic Building Committee</i></p>

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<p>(ii) Lodge Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund Account - A sum of Rs. 100/- to be paid to Lodge Mangalore No. 156 monthly when the demand comes from the Lodge.</p> <p>(b) Investments for and belonging to the Lodge shall be kept in the name of the Lodge and the relative documents shall be in the custody of a Bank.</p> <p>(c) The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited annually in April before the Annual Installation meeting by an Auditor elected by the Lodge every year. The Treasurer shall place such audited statement of accounts with the Balance sheet before the Standing Committee for approval and the same shall be circulated to the members at the Annual Installation meeting.</p> <p>(d) The Official year for purposes of accounting shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the succeeding year..</p>	<p><i>Trust or actuals of which as proposed by the trust and approved in the open lodge from time to time.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>No Change</i></p>
<p>12. Bye-laws:</p> <p>(i) As required by the Rule 113 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I., every brother shall be presented by the Master with a printed copy of the bye-laws of the Lodge Prerana free of charge, when he becomes a member and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.</p> <p>(ii) The Bye-laws shall be read in open Lodge once every year at such time as the Master may decide. This item shall appear in the Agenda in the summons.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>No Change</i></p>

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<p>(iii) It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these Bye-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one regular meeting, after insertion in the summons, and read and confirmed at the next regular meeting, and subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master, the Bye-laws must then be printed and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary and the Regional Grand Secretary.</p>	No Change

Note: In Existing Bye-Laws, No. 11 did not exist. Hence the numbering is rearranged. No. 12 has become No. 11 and No. 13 has become No. 12.

APPROVED BY R.W.THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

PLACE: MARTHANDAM
 DATE: 23-04-2012

C. S. I. M.
 Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M.W.THE GRAND MASTER

PLACE: NEW DELHI
 DATE: 07.05.2012

Chh.
 Asst. Grand Secretary